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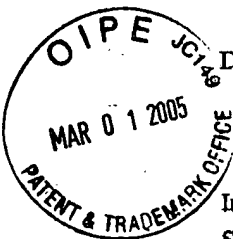
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With reference to serial number 10/612,554 (attorney docket no. D982.D1), the following are being submitted:

- Fax Cover Sheet with Certificate of Transmission
- Fee(s) Transmittal with duplicate copy
- Fee Address Indication Form
- Comments on Examiner's Reasons for Allowance



Docket No.: D982.D1

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Wenge Yang, et al. : Confirmation No.: 3624
Serial No.: 10/612,554 : Art Unit: 2813
Filed: 7/1/2003 : Examiner: David L Hogans
For: METHOD FOR FORMING SAC USING A
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10)

Sir:

The following Comments are submitted in response to the Notice of Allowability dated December 1, 2004. Applicants respectfully request no reduction of the Patent Term Adjustment for the filing of this paper in accordance with Clarification of 37 CFR 1.704(c)(10) – "Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance has been Mailed", 1247 Official Gazette Patent Office 111 (June 26, 2001), which states:

"The submission of the following paper after a Notice of Allowance is not considered a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination for an application: ... (6) a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance or a request to correct an error or omission in the 'Notice of Allowance' or 'Notice of Allowability'... [underlining and deletion for clarity]

COMMENTS

Applicants wish to document and thank the Examiner for calling Mikio Ishimaru on Nov. 17, 2004, to cite U.S. Patent No. 6,060,385 and discuss possible amendments.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner taking the time via telephone on Nov. 18, 2004, with Mikio Ishimaru to listen to and review his comments on behalf of Applicants regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,060,385, which led to the withdrawal of 6,060,385 as a basis of rejection. It is also appreciated that the Examiner took the time to cite and explain the other references believed to be viable prior art: U.S. Patent Nos. 5,399,532; 5,841,195; and 5,750,441.

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Further, Applicants appreciate the time that the Examiner took on Nov. 22, 2004, to listen to and review comments by Mikio Ishimaru via telephone regarding U.S. Patent Nos. 6,060,385, 5,399,532, 5,841,195, and 5,750,441, even though an agreement could not be reached.

The Applicants believe the Examiner's diligence on re-reviewing their attorney's comments is very commendable and appreciate allowance of the application over the references discussed as well as the additional reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,731,008.

Respectfully submitted,



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